

## Amendments to the Specification

Page 1, third paragraph:

Given the increasing risks of blood borne disease that a care giver, or for that matter a bystander, is exposed to when needle devices are used, some states have now ~~mandate~~ mandated the use of protection devices that would preclude a contaminated needle from being exposed to the environment. Some of the currently available needle protection devices for IV infusion needles include the SAFETY-LOK blood collection sets manufactured by the Becton Dickinson Company and the ANGLWING safety needle protection system manufactured by the Sherwood Medical Company. These systems are sold as sets in that the needle protection device is already built onto the winged infusion assembly.

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